

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2009, 7:00 P.M.**

Mandatory Recycling–Dave Dunn

Gives background and highlights areas of proposed mandatory recycling ordinance. Attached. Have held numerous meetings and public hearings on this issue.

George Barrett–321 North Maple Avenue–Newly moved to Brunswick from Harford County, where they have an incinerator. Recommends “Pay-as-you-throw” recycling process used in Aberdeen. Also comments on parking situation around Senior Center and parking meters around downtown area.

FY 2010 Budget–Dave Dunn

Gives background of FY 2010 budget process. Proposed budget documents attached. This is the second public hearing held on this topic.

No public comment.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2009, 7:16 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE

ROLL CALL–Johnson, Biser, Stull, Tome, Smith–all present

MAYOR’S REMARKS

New Council Member Swearing In–Mary Elizabeth Bowie

Mari Lee, Deputy Clerk with Frederick County swears Mary Elizabeth Bowie in.

Mayor mentions Jim Castle’s resignation from the City.

Mayor mentions he will seek Council concurrence for Milt Frech to be sworn in as Chief of Police under new business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor & Council–May 12 & 26, 2009
Finance Committee–May 5 & 27, 2009

Motion to approve–Stull
2nd–Biser
Vote 6-0

STAFF REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Zoning–Jim Castle
Report attached.

Events–Jody Bruchey
Report attached.

Public Works–Al Danaher
Report attached.

Police–Milt Frech
Report attached.

Water & Waste Water–Dave Dunn
Reports attached.

Code Enforcement–Dave Dunn
Report attached.

Chester Engineers–Rick Travers
Report attached.

CITIZENS' FORUM

Donna Lenco–228 Brunswick Street–Questions whether residents will be fined if they do not participate in program?

Mayor–There will be an enforcement provision in ordinance, however City will not act as “trash cops.”

CONSENT AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

Mandatory Recycling

Mayor mentions real reason behind this ordinance is to encourage residents to recycle.

Tome–Feels Brunswick is doing a great job with recycling. Feels City should do a better job of enforcing current ordinance, rather than enact a new one.

Biser–Believes we need an ordinance that enables hauler to refuse trash and encourages recycling. Suggests language stating ‘maximum of 96 or 128 gallons allowable trash’ be added to ordinance.

Smith–Believes that 96 gallons is reasonable, but anything over is too much.

Johnson–Doesn’t believe a limit should be set.

Motion to approve, changing allowable amount of trash to 96 gallons–Stull
2nd–Smith

Tome–Cannot support this.

Vote 4-2, Tome and Johnson opposed

NEW BUSINESS

Council concurrence of Milt Frech being appointed to Chief of Police

Motion to approve–Stull

2nd–Tome

Vote 6-0

Traffic Control Requests–Brunswick Street/Post Office

Mayor gives background of request (attached.)

Dave Dunn states City request is to remove no parking zone from the 300, 400, and 500 blocks of Brunswick Street. Originally, no parking zone was enacted to allow sufficient clearance on street for emergency personnel and post office box trucks. According to Chief Frech, this problem shouldn’t be an issue...there is sufficient clearance.

Dave Dunn states addition request from post office for customer parking only–15 minute signs and parking space striping directly in front of post office. Post office also requested addition of drive-up drop box on Brunswick Street.

Cindy Mullinix–Brunswick Post Office

Post office owns building and operates in a deficit every year. There are no funds to improve parking situation at this site. Post Office officials feel adding a drop box will greatly decrease the number of parking problems in this area.

Bowie–How many parking spaces are available to the public?

Cindy Mullinix—Approximately three after employees park.

Mayor—Where would Post Office like drop box?

Cindy Mullinix—Most logical place would be directly across from the post office on the opposite side of the street.

Mayor—Questions why drop boxes couldn't be placed on Post Office property?

Cindy Mullinix—Her boss feels that would be a safety hazard. Doesn't want the flow of traffic driving around post office.

Mayor—Boxes cannot be placed on the sidewalk, since there isn't clearance for ADA compliance.

Biser—Questions if there are other drop boxes throughout the City?

Cindy Mullinix—There are currently seven. There used to be more, but 9/11 security caused a decline.

Biser—If drop box cannot be located in the 300 block of Brunswick Street, where else could one be located in the City?

Cindy Mullinix—Is open to suggestions.

Amy Quillen—316 Brunswick Street—Lives across from the post office and is directly affected by that traffic. If City makes more concessions for the post office, they are fixing the problems for now, but will not be forcing the post office to make preparations for the City.

Smith—Believes City should make more efforts to have post office move elsewhere.

Cindy Mullinix—Post office employees have tried to park on street to free up spaces on the post office property, however, they were under the impression that was residential parking.

Denny Moore—326 Brunswick Street—Forty-five year Brunswick Street resident. Believes people have always parked on both sides of Brunswick Street. Has driven ambulance since 1969 and has been through Brunswick Street numerous times without a safety hazard. Has not seen trash on Brunswick Street. Believes people complaining about this issue knew this was an issue when they purchased their homes. Believes NO PARKING signs should be removed on a trial basis to see what happens.

Donna Lenco, 328 Brunswick Street—Remembers a day when an 18-wheeler drove down Brunswick Street. Street is too narrow as is, shouldn't remove NO PARKING signs.

Graham Taylor–320 Brunswick Street–Lives directly across from post office driveway. Has a problem with trash and cigarette butts from his driveway and lawn.

Cindy Mullinix–Employees aren’t allowed to park on grass for VFW and don’t always know when there is a function going on there.

Motion to allow “15 minutes parking” during business hours and stripe two spaces in front of post office–Biser

2nd–Tome

Vote 6-0

Motion to stripe north side of Brunswick Street in the 300 block–Smith

2nd–Biser

Vote 6-0

Bowie–Has an issue with not having spaces available for handicap and/or elderly residents near post office. Would like to allow parking on both sides of street.

Motion to allow parking on both sides of Brunswick Street in the 300, 400, and 500 blocks, not including spaces around post office driveway–Stull

2nd–Bowie

Biser–Suggests striping both sides of the street.

Stull–Withdraws motion. Directs staff to investigate matter further and bring back before Council in two weeks.

Budget Amendment–Dave Dunn

Attached.

Motion to approve–Stull

2nd–Tome

Vote 6-0

FY 2010 Budget

Resolution 09-08 (Property Tax Rate)

Motion to approve–Smith

2nd–Stull

Vote 6-0

Resolution 09-10 (Water & Sewer Rates & Meter Adjustment)

Motion to approve–Biser

2nd–Stull
Vote 6-0

Special Ordinance 483 (Annual Operating & Capital Budget)
Motion to approve–Biser
2nd–Stull
Vote 6-0

Special Ordinance 484 (Enterprise Fund Operating Budget)
Motion to approve–Biser
2nd–Stull
Vote 6-0

Urban Tree Canopy Presentation–Jim Castle
Attached.

Electric Use–Energy Management Review–Jim Castle
Attached.

Approved By: _____
Mayor Date

Witnessed By: _____
City Administrator Date